

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

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### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Registration at the Fairmont Hotel meeting totaled 1547, the largest attendance at any annual meeting: 1080 members; 337 guests; 130 guest physicians.

The next meeting place will be the Hotel Huntington, Pasadena.

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**Report on Annual Golf Tournament.**—The recent Golf Tournament, in conjunction with the sixtieth annual session of the California Medical Association, was held on Thursday, April 30, in the afternoon, at the Lake Merced Golf and Country Club. Prior to the tournament, all members of the Northern and Southern California Golf Association were notified via return postcard.

Donations for prizes were received from the following firms:

Hittenberger Surgical Appliance Company.....	\$25.00
The James H. Barry Company, printers.....	27.50
Rodenbaugh & Ingber, roentgenologists.....	20.00
Rehfish & Garland, roentgenologists.....	20.00
Broemmel's Pharmacy.....	10.00
Frates & Lovotti, pharmacists.....	10.00
Doctor Kinney, as retiring president.....	40.00
Doctor Harris, as president-elect.....	25.00

Trophies were also received from Sugarman Laboratories, American Surgical Supply Company, Fairmont Hotel, and Haas Candy Company. This made a total of thirteen prizes, with a retail value of about \$370.

There were 152 men who played golf, 48 of whom remained for dinner. The winners of the tournament were as follows:

- Low gross—H. W. Milo, 82.
- Low net—R. W. Langley, 90, 20, 70.
- Low gross, Class A—W. A. Powell, 83.
- Second low gross, Class A—Frank Sheehy, 85.
- Low net, Class A—Joseph McCool, 86, 11, 75.
- Low gross, Class B—Curtis Smith, 84.
- Second low gross, Class B—W. S. Clark, 87.
- Low net, Class B—Kirby Smith, 90, 18, 72.
- Low gross, Class C—S. F. Priestly, 95.
- Second low gross, Class C—S. F. Speik, 95.
- Low net, Class C—E. K. Stratton, 96, 24, 72.
- Highest score—C. Leggo, 138.

Mystery prize—Cabot Brown, twelve strokes on twelfth hole.

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**Erratum.**—Under Official Notices on page 384 of the May issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, Dr. William Duffield of Los Angeles should have been printed as delegate for 1932-1933, whose alternate is Dr. William H. Gilbert of Los Angeles.

\* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellany.

## COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The members of the Contra Costa County Medical Society were entertained at the home of Miss Agnes Driscoll, superintendent of the Richmond Cottage Hospital, at their regular meeting on April 14.

Routine business was transacted. The secretary spoke about a movement which has been started in Richmond to obtain hospital facilities for patients taken care of at the expense of the county. It was stated that the County Hospital was no longer adequate to handle all the applications of charity patients for admission and treatment, and it was felt that if additional funds are to be provided for increasing these facilities that Richmond should be given recognition. Dr. C. R. Blake, health officer of Richmond, and many others, discussed the problem from various angles. It was finally moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to investigate this question. Drs. C. R. Blake and J. W. Bumgarner of Richmond and S. N. Weil of Rodeo were named on the committee.

Dr. W. W. Cross of Oakland presented the scientific paper of the evening. The speaker discussed the kidney conditions resulting from obstruction of the urinary tract and infection in the kidney pelvis. The doctor's lecture was illustrated with appropriate lantern slides. An open forum was then conducted during which many questions were asked by the members and answered by Doctor Cross. The president, Dr. W. A. Rowell, presided over a well-attended meeting. Following the scientific program a splendid supper was served by the hostess.

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The liveliest meeting held by the Contra Costa County Medical Society in recent years took place at the County Hospital, Martinez, on May 12. Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, Doctors R. J. P. Harmon and J. B. Spalding, both of Richmond, were unanimously voted to membership in the society. The correspondence exchanged between the secretary and Senator Will R. Sharkey, in reference to Senate Bill 175, and with Assemblyman R. P. Easley, in reference to Assembly Bill 1281, was read to the members. Both Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Easley acknowledged the attitude of the society toward these bills and defended the interests of the medical profession.

The request of the Contra Costa County Public Health Association for our endorsement in the proposed establishment of free tuberculosis clinics in Richmond, Martinez, and Pittsburg was next brought up by Dr. J. M. McCullough. It was explained that since the county had taken over the administration of Sunshine Camp the funds realized from the sale of stamps, which had heretofore been applied to the maintenance of this camp, were now available for other public health purposes. These clinics would be financed out of this fund and would be limited only to patients referred by the family physician who cannot afford such services elsewhere. After much discussion it was moved and seconded that the society endorse this proposition, with the provision that the control of these clinics be eventually placed under the jurisdiction of the county health department, should their value be proven. This motion was unanimously passed.

The committee, appointed by the chair at a previous meeting to consider the endorsement of hospital

facilities for county patients in Richmond and vicinity, submitted its report. The chairman, Dr. C. R. Blake, presented an analysis of the number of patients treated at the County Hospital during the past year. This survey showed that more than a third of the total number of patients handled during this period were admitted from Richmond and vicinity. Other arguments were brought forth by the chairman in support of the committee's recommendation to the society that hospital facilities be provided in Richmond for county cases. A spirited and prolonged discussion followed, in which many arguments were offered both in favor of and against the branching out of the present County Hospital. It was pointed out by the opponents of this measure that improvement of the present facilities in Martinez would satisfy all requirements, and they declared the additional expense of providing such facilities in Richmond to be unwarranted. The supporters of this question stressed the necessity of providing hospital facilities at least for serious emergency cases and other cases where the cost of transportation exceeds that of hospitalization. The subsidizing of beds in one of the local hospitals was offered as a possible solution. Finally, after much argumentation, a resolution was offered as follows:

The Contra Costa County Medical Society urges the Board of Supervisors to investigate the advisability of establishing some form of hospital facilities for county patients in Richmond and vicinity. This motion was passed by a narrow margin. It was moved and seconded that the supervisors of Richmond and district be invited to confer with the members of the society regarding this hospital question at its next regular meeting, in June.

This closed the business session.

Dr. Stanley Mentzer of San Francisco presented a statistical study of gall-bladder disease. The classification and etiology of various types of gall-bladder conditions were presented in a clear and convincing manner and well illustrated by lantern slides. Doctor Mentzer's study was based upon a large number of autopsies as well as numerous pathological specimens, and showed the results of much research and practical experience. The treatment of these various conditions was also discussed, emphasis being laid upon a new technique in the operative treatment of these cases. It was unfortunate that the lateness of the hour prevented the speaker from elaborating further on this subject. The report of Dr. U. S. Abbott, delegate of the society to the state convention, was postponed until the next meeting. Dr. W. A. Rowell presided over the largest attendance of recent years.

Members present were: Doctors Bard, Merrithew, Sweetzer, Weil, Leech, McCullough, Rowell, Vestal, Abbott, J. W. Bumgarner, J. B. Spalding, Harmon, Clara Spalding, Keser, Carpenter, Blake, Neufeld, and Fraser.

Visitors present were: Doctors Mentzer of San Francisco; Wise, Marks, and Kearns of Pittsburg; Coates, Edmeads, and Morken of Martinez; Burke of Oakland; and Mrs. Merry of Richmond.

Following the meeting a buffet supper was served by the County Hospital personnel, under the direction of Miss Rogue.

L. H. FRASER, *Secretary*.

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#### NAPA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held Wednesday, May 6, at the Napa State Hospital through the courtesy of Dr. T. H. Stice, medical superintendent. A well-appointed, bounteous turkey dinner was provided and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Doctor Stice proved himself to be a most gracious and affable host.

The business meeting was opened by the president, Dr. R. S. Northrop.

After reading and approval of the minutes, the report of Dr. M. M. Booth, delegate to the state medical meeting, was received and approved. Doctors

Johnson, Murray, and Northrop also briefly reported their attendance at the meeting.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. A. C. Reed, was next introduced. Doctor Reed is professor of tropical medicine in the University of California, and has traveled extensively in the Orient. His subject, "A Medical Trip Through the Orient," was illustrated with lantern slides, and proved to be an intensely interesting talk with especial reference to sanitation in the Orient as it pertains to tropical diseases. Doctor Reed's broad knowledge of his subject, his easy, clear, concise presentation contributed to an evening long to be remembered by those present.

Members present were: Doctors H. V. Baker, W. L. Blodgett, M. M. Booth, C. H. Bulson, A. E. Chappell, I. E. Charlesworth, H. R. Coleman, G. I. Dawson, E. F. Donnelley, C. A. Gregory, C. A. Johnson, A. H. McLish, A. K. McGrath, D. W. Murray, C. E. Nelson, R. S. Northrop, R. E. Poole, John Rogers, John Robertson, L. Welti, and G. J. Wood.

Visitors present were: Dr. E. C. Dickson of Stanford University School of Medicine; Dr. Bull, orthopedist of San Francisco; Dr. John Green of Vallejo; Dr. S. Z. Peoples and Dr. Henry Rogers of Petaluma; Dr. Shortridge, dentist, Sonoma; Doctors J. M. Scanland, A. E. Kiser, F. J. Colligan, and R. F. Rood, intern, of Imola; and Mrs. A. Parks, superintendent Victory Hospital, Napa.

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary were present during Doctor Reed's talk.

C. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at Loma Linda on May 5.

Dinner was served at 7 p. m., about sixty members and guests being present. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 o'clock by the president, Dr. Howard Hill, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program of the evening, consisting of the following papers, was then given:

"Physiotherapy in the Treatment of Surgical Cases," by Dr. George Thomason of Los Angeles, and "Experimental and Clinical Use of Diathermy," by Dr. Fred Moor of Loma Linda. Discussion was opened by Dr. Charles Curtiss of Redlands.

Doctor Hill then announced that nominations from the floor for officers for the coming year were in order, but as none were made, the nominations as made by the Board of Councilors at their last meeting remained the same: George Landon, president; Fred Moor, first vice-president; A. L. Weber, second vice-president; E. J. Eytinge, secretary-treasurer. Delegates—Philip Savage, Delbert Williams, and D. C. Mock. Alternates—Fred Moor, K. L. Dole, and C. L. Emmons.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday evening, April 2, at 8:30 o'clock in the Medico-Dental clubrooms at 242 North Sutter Street. The occasion was the second joint meeting with the members of the dental society. Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher presided. Dr. A. L. Greenberg, president of the dental society introduced Hermann Becks, M. D., D. D. S., of the George Williams, Hooper Foundation for Medical Research, University of California. Doctor Becks read a very scientific paper on the subject, "Bone Pathology from the Standpoint of Oral Diagnosis." The address was illustrated by about fifty lantern slides. The full paper is to appear in the *Pacific Dental Gazette* this summer.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

C. A. BROADDUS, *Secretary*.

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held at the Bissell Auditorium of the Cottage Hospital on May 11.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen, Ph. D., Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics, Pasadena, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Sixty Hundred Thousand Volts X-Rays," illustrated by lantern slides.

The discussion was then opened by Dr. Seeley G. Mudd of Pasadena, followed by Dr. Albert Soiland of Los Angeles.

The society then went into executive session and on account of the lateness of the hour it was moved, seconded and carried, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with.

The secretary gave a report regarding running a classified advertisement for the Santa Barbara County Medical Society in the telephone book. No action was taken.

The advertising scheme in the morning press was then brought up and after discussion it was moved by Doctor Brown, seconded by Doctor Henderson, that the society go on record as disapproving of this advertising scheme.

Doctor Freidell suggested that the members of the County Medical Society give various articles to the newspaper regarding current subjects pertaining to preventive medicine and have these articles signed as coming from the Santa Barbara County Medical Society.

The president then appointed the members of the society who are on the County Welfare Board to take charge of this activity.

Doctor Koefod then inquired about the scarlet fever epidemic and wondered if there was any way in which the medical society, as a society, could be of service to the health department in curbing the epidemic. After discussion by various members it was moved, seconded and carried, that Doctors Roome and Means meet with the Board of Health, a member of the School Board, and a member of the City Council to see if some concerted action could be taken for the benefit of the community.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until the second Monday in September.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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**SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

At the regular monthly meeting which occurred on April 15, the society was the guest of the staff of the San Jose Hospital. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. C. M. Burchfiel. Forty-seven members were present.

The application of Dr. Helen Brenton Pryor for membership in the society was read and referred to the Admission Committee.

The matter of standing orders governing the Metropolitan health nurses was opened for discussion and, with minor changes, it was moved and carried that a schedule of orders for first-call duty similar to that now effective in Los Angeles County be indorsed by our society.

The secretary reported on the recent poll of membership with reference to the advisability of the county employing an autopsy surgeon, the vote being 127 affirmative and 27 negative.

The question of examination of preschool children was presented for discussion by Dr. Lucas Empey, chairman of the committee appointed to work out some plan mutually agreeable to the profession and to the Parent-Teacher Association. After several expressions of opinion, the president instructed that the matter be held over for further study, and that for the current year the plan operative in past years be continued.

Inasmuch as one of our members, Dr. Frank Hoover, has recently been called by death, it was moved and carried that the president appoint a committee to draft a resolution of condolence to the decedent's family. Similar resolution was to be mailed to Dr. J. I. Beattie in connection with the recent death of his mother.

A communication was read from the department of pathology of the University of California Medical School requesting our approval or disapproval of the founding of a state diagnostic laboratory. The subject was briefly discussed by Dr. Doxey Wilson, but no official action was taken by the society.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was turned over to Dr. Charles P. Durney, chairman of the program for the evening, which consisted of a symposium on tuberculosis. Dr. Durney presented a highly commendable paper, covering in general the development of our present knowledge of tuberculosis and stressing the importance of more painstaking study of our patients in order that the presence of the disease may be detected in its very early stages.

Dr. Charles L. Ianne presented, in a very thorough manner, a survey of statistics relative to the value and interpretation of the Pirquet, Mantoux, and percutaneous tuberculin tests.

Following the exhibition of interesting x-ray films from various types of pulmonary tuberculosis, and a discussion by Dr. F. Proescher on the subject of immunity, the meeting adjourned.

LUCAS W. EMPEY, *Assistant Secretary*.

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**SONOMA COUNTY**

The regular meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held on May 14 in Sebastopol at the Chamber of Commerce building. Members of the Woman's Auxiliary were present at the dinner, following which they adjourned to the home of Mrs. Chester Marsh and enjoyed several games of bridge.

Members present included Doctors Baldwin, Peoples, Spear, Konttas, Yates, Marsh, Haskell, Patterson, Quarry, Shipley, Reiss, Lewis, and A. C. Anderson. The guests included Dr. Clifford Sweet and Dr. L. R. Jacobus, both of Oakland.

Following the dinner, Doctor Sweet was introduced by the secretary, President Bowles being absent. Doctor Sweet spoke on the proper examination of children, stressing especially the differences between the child and the adult. He emphasized the necessity of frequent thorough examinations, stating that pathological changes take place in children very rapidly. The procedure of routine examination was demonstrated on two children, secured for this purpose by Doctor Marsh. The address was very practical and appealed strongly to all present.

The business meeting was then called to order by Doctor Reiss. It was moved, seconded and carried, that Dr. Elizabeth M. Yates be granted retired membership and that her application be sent to the state society for action. Ways and means of increasing the attendance at monthly meetings was discussed and several valuable suggestions made.

T. HUBERT REISS, *Secretary*.

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**TULARE COUNTY**

The annual joint meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society and the Bar Association was held in Visalia on April 12. Dinner was served at 7 p. m. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., and Dr. H. G. Campbell, president, introduced Dr. Edward H. Williams of Los Angeles, the speaker of the evening, who chose for his address the subject, "Clinical Criminology."

Insanity as a defense in homicide cases was discussed from different angles as well as the presenta-

tion of endocrinologic function of the development of physical and, particularly, mental and psychological abnormalities, causative factors in criminal tendencies.

There were fifty-two members present at the meeting.

Discussion by members of the Bar followed the address. A unanimous vote of appreciation was extended to Doctor Williams for the instructive address.

S. S. GINSBURG, *Secretary*.

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#### VENTURA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held Tuesday, April 14, at the Ventura County Clinic Building. The meeting was called to order by President Wright at 8 p. m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Members present were: Doctors King, Wright, Bardill, Hendricks, Felberbaum, Jones, Welch, Shore, Homer, Coffey, Mosher, Smolt, D. G. Clark, W. S. Clark, Little, Bianchi, Achenbach, Armitstead. Doctors Johnson, Hunt, and Means were guests.

Doctor Jesberg gave a very instructive lecture on "Bronchoscopy," with special reference to foreign bodies in the respiratory tract. Discussion followed the presentation of the paper.

Communications were read.

Business meeting followed, and Doctor Coffey moved that Dr. W. S. Clark be allowed \$30 to attend the state medical meeting. Doctor Homer made an amendment to the motion, to allow \$8 a day for each day of the meeting, plus one day to go and one day to come from the meeting. The amended motion was carried. There followed the presentation of the new county health arrangement by Mr. Thille, after which Doctor Coffey presented the recommendations of the committee on the matter, to adopt the report as given by Mr. Thille, seconded by Doctor King. Vote was: affirmative, 2; negative, 13. Doctor Homer presented a motion to endorse any suitable plan to unify the health service of the county under a full-time health officer, but that supervision remain in control of the supervisors. The motion was seconded by Doctor King and was carried unanimously.

R. B. ARMITSTEAD, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

##### New Members

*Kern County*—Edward L. Sudlow.

*Los Angeles County*—

Donald T. Babcock	Herry O. Lovell
Albert Murton Bond	Douglas David McKinnon
Walter R. Fieseler	Moses Marion Nielson
James P. Gillis	Clarence Morley Sellery
Herbert L. Herscher	Ellwood Leon Shultz
Verne C. Hunt	George Albert Snyder
John R. Jimerson	John Stewart Stephens
Alfred Arvo Kosky	Isador Arthur Wallach
Clark Hays Lauder	R. Leslie Ward
Charles Harold Lewis	George Wade Wilson

*Orange County*—Roy Alfred Cummings, Charles Emmet Saulsberry.

*Sacramento County*—Joseph S. Woolford.

*San Bernardino County*—Harry C. Nelson.

*San Diego County*—Philip K. Allen, Alexander Ayer Higgs, James A. May, Robert S. Smylie, Harry M. Wegeforth.

*San Francisco County*—LeRoy C. Abbott, Jean-Louis E. Brindamour, Salvator Joseph Guardino.

*San Luis Obispo County*—George K. Dunklee.

*Santa Barbara County*—Lyman A. Cavanaugh, Joseph A. d'Alessio.

#### Resignations

*From San Francisco County*—Einer V. Blak, Alma S. Pennington, and Fletcher S. Pyle.

#### Transfers

Francis F. Malone, from Imperial to Los Angeles County.

Fred S. Modern, from San Bernardino to Los Angeles County.

John W. Newton, from San Joaquin to Los Angeles County.

#### Deaths

**Anderson, Bennett C.** Died March 14, 1931, age 85 years. Graduate of Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, 1881. Licensed in California, 1901. Doctor Anderson was formerly an affiliate member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Engel, Charles Paul.** Died at Colton, April 29, 1931, age 42 years. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1916. Licensed in California, 1917. Doctor Engel was a member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Fuller, Winford LeRoy.** Died at Manila, April 12, 1931, age 52 years. Graduate of St. Louis University School of Medicine, Missouri, 1904. Licensed in California, 1916. Doctor Fuller was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**Green, Jacob Samuel.** Died at Oakland, April 20, 1931, age 54 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1898. Licensed in California, 1898. Doctor Green was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Snyder, James Roe.** Died at Sacramento, April 19, 1931, age 43 years. Graduate of Syracuse University College of Medicine, New York, 1912. Licensed in California, 1913. Doctor Snyder was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Winn, Albert.** Died March 20, 1931, age 71 years. Graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1884. Licensed in California, 1903. Doctor Winn was an honorary member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, formerly a member of the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

#### THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

##### The Woman's Auxiliary—Its Opportunities and Limitations †

By LYEEL C. KINNEY, M. D.

*San Diego*

First, permit me to state that it is most gratifying to see such a large representation at your second annual session. In the past two years the Woman's Auxiliary has obtained a firm foothold in California

\* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, 2419 Bonnie Brae Street, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication in this column.

† Excerpts from address to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association by Lyell C. Kinney, M. D., President of the California Medical Association, at the Woman's Auxiliary luncheon, San Francisco, April 28, 1931.

and is well on the way to become a large and powerful organization. The past two years of preliminary work in the state and county units has been well done. I am firmly convinced of the need for and the opportunity of the Woman's Auxiliary and I have great faith in its future.

The medical profession has come to realize that one of its most important duties at the present time lies in the field of its public relations. It is imperative that the medical profession take the people into their confidence and continually educate the public in the facts of public health and medicine. Medical science has evolved methods of preventing illness and increasing the length of life and well-being with which the public are not familiar and which are not being applied to the health of the public because of lack of education. The power of the cultist and faddist and the misunderstanding of the medical profession is largely due to the fact that we have neglected the public health education and have not tried to combat the large amount of misinformation that is being constantly presented.

Another important factor in public relations is leadership in public health activities. Government and lay agencies are attempting to bring to their communities health measures that have not been provided by the medical profession. There is no conflict of purpose between the physician and these health agencies, but mutual understanding and coöperation are necessary if either is to efficiently serve the public.

The medical profession is facing a vital problem in the necessity to supply to all classes of citizens qualified medical care at a cost within their financial ability. The most pressing need is that of supplying moderately priced service to people of moderate means. This problem of financing the costs of sickness is intimately interwoven with all modern social, economic, and industrial problems. It challenges the best thought and effort of organized medicine.

In this field of public relations the Woman's Auxiliary can be a forceful and efficient ally to the medical profession. In public health education the women of the auxiliary can reach and influence much larger groups than can the members of the profession. They are welcomed in these circles and their opportunities for molding public opinion are limitless.

In the field of medical economics the Woman's Auxiliary can bring to the public the truth about the costs of sickness, the necessity for qualified medical care and combat socialistic schemes for the solution of these problems.

The California Auxiliary has completed the formation of its state organization and is now ready for active work. The first task is establishing new county units as rapidly as possible. These new units should be placed only in those counties where the county medical societies have been convinced of the value of the auxiliary and where the members will support and foster its activities. The function of the auxiliary is to help and assist the county medical societies, and the auxiliaries can only be of real service where the county societies appreciate the need and will utilize the efforts of the auxiliary.

During the coming year one of the most essential work fields of the state auxiliary is to prepare study programs to be used in the county units for the education of their members, and for the use of other women's organizations. These programs for study should be worked out with the Advisory Committee of the California Medical Association. This study program should include information in public health, child welfare, and medical legislation measures that the California Medical Association deems necessary for the education of the women in California. The state auxiliary should supplement this program with package libraries and competent speakers available for each of the county units.

The county auxiliaries exist primarily to assist the county medical societies in their public relations. The first essential is an enthusiastic advisory committee in each county medical society where members are

in full sympathy with the work of the auxiliary. The plans of the auxiliary should all be worked out with the Advisory Committee so that their efforts may be efficiently correlated.

The influence of the county auxiliaries will be exerted primarily through the other women's organizations to which their members belong. Through such contacts the auxiliary may spread reliable health information, using study courses, qualified medical speakers, and educational films.

Another immediate opportunity of the county auxiliaries is to support the public health activities needed in their counties. In every county there are the problems of prenatal care, child welfare, and prevention of contagious disease. Such activities as are approved and supported by the county medical societies are fields in which the auxiliaries may exercise a powerful influence for the public health.

Another function of the county auxiliaries deals with medical and health legislation. The members should have a general knowledge of the medical laws of the state and the health regulations of the county. Further, the auxiliary should study proposed medical and health legislation so that the members can know the need or the danger involved. It is most important to remember that the auxiliaries act as aids to the county medical societies and never on their own initiative in legislative matters.

In legislation at Sacramento the state and county auxiliaries will seldom be called upon to take an active part. The Legislative Committee of the California Medical Association must be free to deal with problems as they arise. Diversified attack from various counties in the state will frequently lead to dangerous confusion. The county auxiliaries are distinctly requested to take no action on any bills before the State Legislature until such action is requested by the Legislative Committee of the California Medical Association.

The county auxiliaries also offer an opportunity to promote good fellowship among the doctors' families and friendly coöperation between the doctors themselves. Wherever the auxiliary is functioning throughout the United States there is an increasing friendliness and understanding among the medical forces of the community.

Thus the Woman's Auxiliary in California has great opportunities in furthering the work and influence of the medical profession. As the name implies, the function of the auxiliary is to help and assist. This presupposes that all policies and activities will be first approved and authorized by the advisory committees of the county societies. In order to carry out its purpose the members of the auxiliary must have an accurate knowledge of the facts to be transmitted to the public. They must know the cold, unanswerable scientific facts concerning such subjects as the prevention of disease, child welfare, and maternal mortality. They must know the practical application of these facts to the health of the people. May I present this thought for your work during the coming year: "The doctor's wife must know the facts before she begins to act."

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#### Message From the President of the California State Auxiliary

As the new president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California State Medical Association I greet you.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the state convention in April were thrilled with the splendid businesslike and gracious manner in which Mrs. James Percy conducted the third annual convention at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. If there has been any doubt entertained in our minds among the members as to whether there is a place for the Woman's Auxiliary, it was quickly dissipated after hearing the splendid reports of the president, chairman, and county presidents. However, the most outstanding accomplishment of the year's work was the Constitution, read to us for its adoption,

which now gives to us a very definite plan on which we may build our organization. We are indeed greatly indebted to Mrs. James Percy, Mr. Hartley Peart, and Doctors Kress and Kinney for their splendid work.

I am fully convinced that the auxiliary can be made to be a real asset to the medical profession, and may I at this time make a few suggestions in which our organization can be definitely strengthened:

First: Try to perfect your organization. The first great need of each county auxiliary in this state is to complete the organization of its forces. Every member of the county medical society should be represented in the corresponding Woman's Auxiliary by his wife (if he has one), or by his mother, daughter, or sister.

Second: Make it a routine part of your life to read *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*. There is a section in that journal set aside for the Woman's Auxiliary in which you will find reported the activities of your own state and generally some news from other states, or some short article bearing upon the development of auxiliary work.

Third: Make it one of your regular duties to attend every meeting of your own county auxiliary. Only by such close touch can you keep informed of the work of the auxiliary and of the medical profession.

Fourth: Support public medical activities. Urge upon your members the importance of aiding all proper neighborhood movements for the betterment of public health.

Fifth: Periodic health examinations. Among the most important preventive medicine measures advocated by the medical profession is that of periodic health examinations. You can develop that project by preaching it as the members of the medical profession are doing, and better still, by practicing it.

It is only by taking an active interest in these matters that the auxiliary can be developed to its greatest sphere of helpfulness in community affairs, as well as to the medical profession.

I earnestly request your coöperation in order that we may be couriers in the campaign for better health for all people.

JOSEPHINE SARGENT (Mrs. WILLIAM H.).

### **The Third Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association— Proceedings**

The third annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association was held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco April 27-29, 1931. It was a most pleasant and successful convention, and the ever present San Francisco hospitality was noticeable in the many entertainment features that were provided for visitors by the medical women of San Francisco, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Frank Hinman. The Fairmont Hotel afforded a delightful setting for all of the activities, and the auxiliary and its members were afforded every convenience in rooms for meetings and pleasures.

The convention started with a preconvention meeting of the board of directors. This was the second meeting of the board this year, the first having been held in Los Angeles at the Jonathan Club, with the members as guests of the president, Mrs. James F. Percy. The object of the meeting was to prepare convention rules, appoint convention committees and read, for final approval, a new constitution to be presented to the House of Delegates of the convention for adoption.

The first general meeting of the session was held in the Red Room of the Fairmont Hotel, Tuesday morning, April 28, 1931, with Mrs. James F. Percy, presiding. Mrs. Thomas A. Stoddard, second vice-president and member-at-large of the auxiliary, very graciously welcomed the members to San Francisco and briefly told of the formation of the auxiliary at Coronado in 1929 and its progress in the past two years from a charter membership of forty-six to a

state-wide membership of 883. Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane of Pasadena replied to the speech of welcome with a glowing tribute to San Francisco and its hospitality.

The report of the Credentials Committee, Mrs. George G. Reinle, chairman, was made by Mrs. Doane, showing that eleven counties were represented by fifty-four delegates and alternates seated as delegates. This year fifty-nine delegates were entitled to vote. The number of ladies registered as attending the convention was 164, which number included alternates, delegates, and members not entitled to vote. This shows the popularity of the registration desk, which was presided over by members of the Alameda County auxiliary.

Mrs. James F. Percy, president, gave a delightful but brief account of the work of the state organization this year. She reported that two new county units had been formed—San Luis Obispo and Sacramento—and that there had been considerable increased activity in Santa Barbara and Alameda counties.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Total receipts for the year ending April 27, 1931.....	\$927.02
Total expenditures.....	206.93
Leaving a balance of.....	\$720.09

The receipts included dues received for 1930 and 1931 and \$18 for the Red Cross Relief Fund, while the expenditures included the payment of the 1930 National dues and the running expenses of the state organization.

Dr. Lyell C. Kinney came in at this time to give his advice and support to the new constitution which had been approved, with slight changes, by the Council of the California Medical Association. After the reading of the constitution by Mrs. Thomas A. Stoddard it was discussed and questions answered, a motion was made to substitute this constitution for the old Constitution and By-Laws. A two-thirds rising vote was asked and the vote was unanimous. The constitution was to take effect immediately upon the close of this session. The California Medical Association has very kindly offered to make reprints of this new constitution so that every member of the auxiliary can have one. The auxiliary is very grateful to Doctor Kinney for giving his time to this matter, and also to the members of the Council who took so much interest in the drafting and molding of the new constitution and for their support and advice.

The Auxiliary at this time was tendered the resignation of the first vice-president, Mrs. J. M. McCullough. This was accepted with extreme regret.

A Nominating Committee, composed of two members of the Board of Directors and three members elected from the House of Delegates, was formed, with Mrs. W. L. Blodgett as chairman, to bring in nominations of officers for the ensuing year.

The State Chairman of Publicity and Publication, Mrs. Henry S. Rogers, reported on her work with *Hygeia* and *Better Health*, and Mrs. W. H. Geistweit reported of her work, in San Diego particularly, as state legislative chairman. These reports ended the business of the meeting for the day.

A luncheon for the ladies immediately followed. This luncheon was beyond the most enthusiastic expectations. Approximately seventy-five were expected, whereas 115 attended for lunch and at least fifteen who could get no reservations for lunch came in after the speeches. Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, president of the California Medical Association, was the first speaker. He gave an enjoyable talk on the auxiliary as a powerful aid to the medical association, enumerating many ways for helping and emphasizing the meaning of the word "auxiliary." Dr. Junius B. Harris, president-elect, spoke next and very graphically described the devious and tedious journey of a bill through the legislature. He impressed upon us the importance of reading the pending bills and knowing their contents rather than their names and numbers.

In the late afternoon the medical ladies of San Francisco gave a beautiful tea to the president's wife, Mrs. Lyell C. Kinney, at the home of the San Francisco Medical Society on Washington and Laguna streets. The warmth and genuineness of this fine old mansion on Nob Hill gave an air of old San Francisco to the affair which was glorious. In the evening the gala occasion of the convention was held—the president's dinner and dance.

The second meeting of the session was held in the Red Room of the Fairmont Hotel Wednesday morning, April 29, with Mrs. James F. Percy presiding. The dues were fixed at this meeting, for 1931-1932, at fifty cents per capita, as national and state dues. Mrs. E. E. Coulter's report as chairman of the State Study Program Committee was read and placed on file.

Dr. Carl R. Howson of Los Angeles was present at this meeting and presented two resolutions to the auxiliary for their adoption. These resolutions were an expression of dissatisfaction with the title of the National Committee, headed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, "The Cost of Medical Care." Doctor Howson pointed out how unjustly the phrase "cost of medical care" could be interpreted and suggested the phrase "cost of illness" was more appropriate. The resolutions were adopted to be sent as our expression to Doctor Wilbur.

The Nominating Committee report was made by Mrs. W. L. Blodgett as follows:

"There is no North or South: we are one State, and we take pleasure in presenting the following names as officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. H. Sargent, Alameda County.

President-elect—Mrs. F. E. Coulter, Orange County.

First vice-president—Mrs. Charles D. Stevens, Santa Barbara County.

Second vice-president—Mrs. S. N. Weil, Contra Costa County.

Recording secretary—Mrs. Maynard Harding, San Diego County.

Treasurer—Mrs. Chester J. Teass, San Luis Obispo County.

Councilors-at-Large—Mrs. Henry S. Rogers, Sonoma County; Mrs. A. M. Henderson, Sacramento County; Mrs. Philip S. Doane, Los Angeles County; Mrs. F. E. Clough, San Bernardino County.

The election was by viva voce vote, as there were no other nominations for the offices and the vote was unanimous.

Election was then conducted for the district councilors, as provided in the new constitution, and the following ladies were elected, the districts being the same as those of the California Medical Association:

First District—Mrs. Lyell C. Kinney, San Diego County.

Second District—Mrs. John V. Barrow, Los Angeles County.

Third District—Mrs. C. P. Proudfoot, San Luis Obispo County.

Seventh District—Mrs. Louis H. Dyke, Alameda County.

Eighth District—Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena, Sacramento County.

Ninth District—Mrs. W. L. Blodgett, Napa County.

Three-minute reports from each of the county units were then presented by each president or her representative, describing the activities of the year. These were placed on file to become a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Upon completion of the regular business of the meeting, the president introduced the officers for the ensuing year, who were all present with the exception of Mrs. F. E. Coulter, the president-elect.

Mrs. James F. Percy then declared the third annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association closed.

The officers of the past year cannot fully express their appreciation and thanks for the cooperation and spirit of the members of the auxiliary, which went to

make the meetings successful and enjoyable. They wish to thank the managers of the hotel, the pages of the meetings, Doctors Kinney, Harfis and Howson for their help and instructive speeches, and the ladies of San Francisco, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Hinman, for their delightful entertainment and courtesy both at the Yacht and City Clubs.

MRS. DEXTER R. BALL.

## NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

W. A. SHAW.....	President
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S. K. MORRISON.....	Trustees

### COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETY WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society held its May meeting on the night of the 12th at the Library room of the Nevada State Building, with President Creveling in the chair.

Disposition of the usual routine business over with, the president introduced Dr. R. Graham Brown of Brisbane, Australia. Doctor Brown is in America on an extended postgraduate trip, doing work as an ear, nose and throat specialist. Doctor Brown took up the evening hour with a splendid off-hand talk, illustrating his lecture with a very great variety of lantern slides that he had gathered from his experience as a practitioner in London and Australia.

The address was convincingly instructive and covered a wide range of the histological and pathological structures of the upper air and lung areas. By the pictures he showed conclusively how infection of the upper air passages can travel down to the lower parts of the lungs and there set up many types of irritation with future ill results to the patient.

Doctor Brown's remarks were very positive on the pathological rôle that the tonsil plays, asserting that, after the fifth year of life, the tonsil becomes a pathologic influence rather than a physiologic aid to the human economy. In the speaker's opinion, much of the neuroses, the stomach troubles, such as nervous indigestion and ulcers, with related illnesses, were all directly attributable to diseased tonsils.

Suppurating ears, likewise, came in for a share of attention. The speaker said in his experience in the London hospitals all cases of suppurating ears were slated for adenoidectomy without reference to other examinations. A suppurating ear was always an indication for removal of the adenoids was the standing precept of the hospital.

These well-known pathological facts are, of course, well known to all specialists doing work along this line. The same thing is well known to all up-to-date physicians. But it is taking some time to convince the laity (and indeed some of the practitioners) that the future good hearing of the individual depends on how well his tonsils and adenoids have been cared for in childhood.

School supervision of children, together with school clinics, will greatly aid in raising the standard of future well-being in the coming adult.

In diphtheria cases which required long periods of time to secure in some cases three successive negative cultures of the throat, we found were clear within ten days to two weeks after tonsils and adenoid removal—an important fact for health officers to know.

Doctor Brown's lecture was well received. The local profession were glad to extend the welcome hand to the man from across the sea.

This concluded the program, and the meeting, with a splendid representation of local and some out-of-town men, adjourned.

THOMAS W. BATH, Secretary.

## UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

WILLIAM L. RICH, Salt Lake City.....President  
 R. A. PEARCE, Brigham City.....President-Elect  
 M. M. CRITCHLOW, Salt Lake City.....Secretary  
 J. U. GIESY, 701 Medical Arts Building,  
 Salt Lake City.....Associate Editor for Utah

### COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

#### BOX ELDER COUNTY

The meeting of the Box Elder County Medical Society was held on the evening of April 9. Those present were: Doctors Luke, Pearse, Mahannah, and Betensen.

The paper of the evening was by Doctor Betensen on the "Injection Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities." Doctor Betensen stated that the reaction could be called a chemical phlebitis. He described the various substances used for injection, and stressed the following statements:

1. Be sure to see that the deep set of veins is open.
2. Use strict asepsis and keep all the solution inside the veins.
3. Use small needle so the solution will not leak out easily.

Recurrences do appear, but can be treated in the same way again. It is wise to look for all foci of infection before treatment.

R. A. PEARSE, *Secretary*.

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#### SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Saint Marks Hospital on Monday evening, April 27. Thirty-five members and six visitors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

Dr. J. M. Schaffer was elected a member of the society, and the application of Dr. H. B. Spangler was read and turned over to the board of censors.

A letter from Dr. W. A. Shaw of Elko, Nevada, was read regarding the sale of his medical practice in that city.

An announcement from the Weber County Medical Society was read. Dr. Robert Coffey of Portland will address this society Thursday, May 21, on "Surgical Drainage of the Abdomen." A banquet will be held for the speaker at the Hotel Bigelow at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr. E. M. Neher, chairman of the Clinical Society of Saint Marks Hospital. The following program was presented: "Arterial Sympathectomy," by M. C. Linden; "Pernicious Anemia," by D. L. Barnard; "Eclampsia," by R. S. Allison; "Carcinoma of the Cervix Uteri," by O. A. Ogilvie.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 o'clock, after which refreshments were served.

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The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held on Monday evening, May 11, at the Newhouse Hotel. Forty-seven members and five visitors were present.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 o'clock by President F. M. McHugh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

Dr. H. B. Spangler was unanimously elected a member of the society.

The following papers were presented: "Present-Day Views in the Treatment of Cancer," by L. R. Cowan; "Incidence and Treatment of Placenta Previa," by R. T. Woolsey.

These papers were discussed by Doctors J. P. Kerby, Q. B. Coray, L. Paul, R. R. Richard, J. S. Scott, T. Stauffer, L. Horne, J. R. Cornwall, and E. Rich of Weber County Society.

Dr. J. Z. Brown and Dr. J. P. Kerby reported on the changes in the industrial fee schedule as contemplated by the Fee Schedule Committee of the state association.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.

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#### UTAH COUNTY

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Utah County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Roberts, Provo, on the evening of April 22, at 6:30 o'clock.

After the customary dinner, which is always a feature of these meetings, the business and scientific program was enjoyed.

Dr. J. C. Landengerger of Salt Lake City was the chief speaker of the evening. The doctor read a very interesting paper on "Surgery of the Extremities." An added feature of his very complete discussion of the subject was the illustration of the highlights in the paper by means of moving pictures, which showed the actual work.

CHARLES M. SMITH, *Secretary*.

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#### WEBER COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Weber County Medical Society was held on April 16 at the Hotel Bigelow. A banquet preceded the meeting. President E. P. Mills presided.

President E. P. Mills announced the May appearance of Dr. Robert Coffey before the society.

Dr. F. K. Bartlett suggested that a program from the medical department of the University of Utah be incorporated into our yearly program.

The remainder of the time was taken up by Dr. O. A. Ogilvie, treating a paper on "Clinical Pathology of Carcinoma of the Cervix Uteri," and Doctor Johnson giving a summary of his research work on effects of sodium nitroprussid on blood pressure.

CONRAD H. JENSEN, *Secretary*.

### UTAH NEWS

The biweekly health talks, which have been given under the auspices of the Utah State Medical Association during the past four months, were discontinued June 1.

It is hoped that arrangements may be made to resume these five-minute papers on timely medical topics in the fall.

The Radio Committee of the Public Health Committee desires to thank all the members of the local societies who have contributed papers to the various programs, and the state association desires to express its appreciation to station KDYL of Salt Lake for the courtesy shown its broadcasting team.

### OBITUARY

John Stewart Sharp, M. D.  
 1852-1931

John Stewart Sharp, M. D., for nearly fifty years a prominent Salt Lake physician, dropped dead at Broadway and State Street, shortly before 9 a. m. Thursday. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Passersby saw Doctor Sharp clutch his side and topple to the pavement. R. W. Gariff, 626 Twelfth East Street, and P. A. Tadge, 762 East Sixth South Street, took him in an automobile to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Mrs. Addie Younger Sharp, widow of the physician, said he had suffered from an attack of asthma a week ago, but apparently had recovered. He was subject to slight heart attacks.

Doctor Sharp, who resided at 347 Third East Street and had offices in the Judge Building, was born in Carlyle, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1852. He studied at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and came to Salt Lake as a young man to practice his profession.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. E. B. Price of Chicago, and a son, John Stewart Sharp, Jr. The latter is engaged as an engineer at the Flathead dam project in Montana.